

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-13731-2020 (O&M)
Date of decision: 16.06.2020

Sonu @ Jawari

....Petitioner

versus

State of Haryana

....Respondent

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. R.K. Girdhwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhdeep Parmar, DAG, Haryana.

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing on account of lockdown due to outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

Petitioner-Sonu @ Jawari, stated to be aged 24 years, has filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.242 dated 06.12.2019 under Sections 323, 334 & 506 of Indian Penal Code (Section 307 IPC added later on), registered at Police Station Dujana, District Jhajjar, Haryana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, based on the pleadings, submits that the petitioner was arrested on 13.01.2020. He submits that challan in this case has been presented, but, no witness has been examined till date. Learned counsel further submits that the complainant had not gone to any hospital on the date of incident. Rather, he had gone to

the Civil Hospital on the next day i.e. after 24 hours. It is further submitted that the FIR was lodged after a delay of one week. It is also submitted that due to the present COVID-19 situation, retention of the petitioner in jail would be dangerous to his life and also the fact that trial is likely to take some time, the petitioner is entitled for regular bail.

In view of the peculiar facts as noticed above, considering the existing situation due to COVID and the fact that trial is likely to take time, this Court deems it appropriate to direct release of the petitioner on regular bail to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned, subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds. However, it is made clear that anything observed herein shall not be construed as an expression on merits of the case.

The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/ reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No